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Congratulations on Recent Awards:

- Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative was awarded a \$1,485,001 implementation grant by the US Department of Education, for the *Boston Promise Initiative*.
- Boston Housing Authority was awarded a \$300,000 planning grant by the US Department of Housing & Urban Development for *Choice Neighborhoods* (Whittier Street Apartments).
- The Boston Parks Department was awarded \$400,000 by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs for the *American Legion Playground* project in East Boston.

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PLACE-BASED NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

US Department of Justice, Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation (BCJI) Grants

- Program:** To plan, implement, and enhance place-based, community-oriented strategies to address neighborhood-level crime issues as a component of or a foundation to a broader neighborhood revitalization or redevelopment initiative. Due to similarities in geographic targets and the inextricable link between housing, education, health, economic development, and public safety, applicants should develop a plan to coordinate BCJI with other existing neighborhood revitalization efforts—such as Promise Neighborhoods, Choice Neighborhoods and/or Community Health Center grants, or Community Development Financial Institutions¹¹ (CDFI) funds. A planning component must be built into every proposal to allow the team to collect and analyze data and assess needed resources and partners, prior to implementation or enhancement.
- Funds:** Category 1, Planning and Implementation: up to \$1,000,000.
Category 2, Enhancement: up to \$600,000.
- Deadline:** **March 4, 2013**
- Eligible:** States, units of local government, and nonprofit organizations. The application requires a cross-sector partnership to design a strategy addressing a targeted crime. The application must also show commitment from the local law enforcement agency, community leaders, and a research partner through detailed letters of support outlining their participation and partnership in the project.
- Information:** <https://www.bja.gov/Funding/13BCJIsol.pdf>

US Department of the Treasury - Community Development Financial institutions (CDFI)

- Program:** Financial Assistance grants are made to CDFIs to provide critically needed capital, credit and other financial products in addition to technical assistance to community residents and businesses, service providers, and developers working to meet community needs. Healthy Food Financing Initiative funds are also available, to create healthy food retail outlets in food deserts.
- Funds:** \$5,000,000 maximum
- Deadline:** **February 28, 2013.** The CDFI Fund strongly encourages all applications be submitted at least three days before the deadline.
- Eligible:** Applicants must be certified as a CDFI, or be certifiable as a CDFI, by the CDFI Fund. Applicants whose activities are part of a broader neighborhood revitalization strategy and/or that target marginalized or isolated populations will be scored more favorably. Additional information will be forthcoming in late January 2013 regarding the application process.
- Information:** http://www.cdfifund.gov/what_we_do/programs_id.asp?programID=7

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US Department of Housing & Urban Development, Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Service Coordinators Program

- Program:** This program works to promote the development of local strategies to coordinate the use of assistance under the Public Housing program with public and private resources, for supportive services and resident empowerment activities. These services should enable participating families to increase earned income, reduce or eliminate the need for welfare assistance, make progress toward achieving economic independence and housing self-sufficiency or, in the case of elderly or disabled residents, help improve living conditions and enable residents to age in-place. A Service Coordinator coordinates services for residents and ensures that program participants are linked to the supportive services they need to achieve self-sufficiency or remain independent.
- Funds:** \$246,000 - \$738,000 for a 3-year program, contingent upon Congressional action. A 25% match is required.
- Deadline:** **February 19, 2013.** HUD may modify the due date once a final appropriations bill for FY2013 is enacted.
- Eligible:** Public Housing Authorities, nonprofit organizations and Resident Associations
- Information:** <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&opId=213453>

HEALTH RESEARCH

US Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration – Autism Intervention Research

- Program:** Supports research on evidence-based practices for interventions to improve the health and well-being of children and adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and other developmental disabilities. Consistent with HRSA's mission as the access agency to provide services to underserved populations, applicants are encouraged to propose research studies that address the unique and very important needs of underserved populations, including low-income, racial/ethnic minorities, immigrants, and individuals who are not already readily included in current research on children and adolescents with ASD and other developmental disabilities.
- Funds:** \$300,000 per year, up to 3 years
- Deadline:** **February 19, 2013**
- Eligible:** Public and nonprofit institutions of higher learning, and public or private nonprofit agencies able to perform research relating to ASD and other developmental disabilities
- Information:** <http://1.usa.gov/12u8ctv>

Deborah Monroe Noonan Memorial Research Fund – Developmental Disabilities

- Program:** Established in 1947 by Frank M. Noonan in memory of his mother to improve the lives of children who were left crippled by polio, the Noonan Research Fund supports

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innovative clinical and service system research and demonstration projects focused on children with physical or developmental disabilities and associated health-related complications.

Funds: \$80,000 for a one-year grant

Deadline: **March 15, 2013** at 12 Noon

Eligible: Applicants must hold a position at nonprofit organization or academic institution in Metropolitan Boston. Project must address the target population age range of birth through 23 years old.

Information: <http://www.hria.org/tmfservices/tmfgrants/noonan.html>

EMPLOYMENT

Kessler Foundation – Signature Employment Grants

Program: The program awards grants nationally to fund new pilot initiatives, demonstration projects, and social ventures that lead to the generation of new ideas to solve the high unemployment and underemployment of individuals with disabilities. Preference is given to interventions that overcome specific employment barriers related to long-term dependence on public assistance, advance competitive employment in a cost-effective manner, or launch a social enterprise or individual entrepreneurship project.

Funds: \$100,000 to \$250,000 per year; maximum \$500,000 over two years.

Deadline: February 1, 2013 – Online Concept paper

Eligible: Nonprofit agencies, public and private schools, and public institutions such as universities and government agencies. Projects must be collaborative, serve a large geographic area, and include multiple funding partners and stakeholders. In addition, initiatives or projects must have the potential for growth, scalability, or replication.

Information: <http://kesslerfoundation.org/grantprograms/signatureemploymentgrants.php>

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Bank of America Foundation, Student Leaders®

Program: The Student Leaders® Program is an eight-week summer experience for high school juniors and seniors. The program includes a paid internship with a local nonprofit organization as well as the Student Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C., July 8-13, 2013. The program gives Student Leaders® the opportunity to develop and apply leadership skills through hands-on community work experience

Funds: 8-week paid internship

Deadline: Application period is now open.

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Eligible: High school juniors and seniors in good standing, eligible to work in the US without sponsorship through the end of September 2013

Information: <http://about.bankofamerica.com/en-us/global-impact/student-leaders.html#fbid=wXWkv9EqsSR>

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking Act Grants

Program: To prevent and reduce alcohol use among youth by strengthening collaboration among communities, the federal government, state and local governments; enhancing intergovernmental cooperation and coordination; serving as a catalyst for increased citizen participation and greater collaboration among all sectors and organizations of a community that demonstrates a long-term commitment to reducing alcohol use among youth; and disseminating timely information regarding effective initiatives.

Funds: 15 grants of \$50,000 each

Deadline: **March 1, 2013.**

Eligible: Limited to nonprofit entities that are current or former Drug Free Communities Support Program (DFC) grantees

Information: <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/2013/sp-13-001.aspx>

American Psychological Foundation – Pre-College Grant Program

Program: Proposals for programs must focus on supporting the education of talented high school students, reinforce the discipline of psychology as a science in secondary school curricula, expand the profile of psychology as a science to attract talented high school students to pursue the discipline, convey to high school students that psychological science is a tool to improve society, and teach students about career options that apply psychology outside of an academic setting (e.g. NASA, organizational development).

Funds: \$20,000

Deadline: **May 1, 2013**

Eligible: Applicants must be educational institutions or 501(c)(3) nonprofits. APF encourages applications from individuals who represent diversity in race, ethnicity, gender, age, disability and sexual orientation.

Information: <http://www.apa.org/apf/funding/pre-college-rfp.pdf>

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EDUCATION

US Department of Education, Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP)

- Program:** Provides grants to support magnet schools that are part of an approved desegregation plan. Program resources can be used in pursuit of the objectives of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), which supports State and local efforts to enable all elementary and secondary students to achieve to high standards and holds schools, LEA's, and States accountable for ensuring that their students do so. In particular, the MSAP provides an opportunity for eligible entities to focus on expanding their capacity to provide public school choice to students who attend schools identified for improvement, corrective action, or restructuring under ESEA Title I.
- Funds:** \$4,000,000
- Deadline:** **Notice of Intent: February 1, 2013. Application: March 1, 2013.**
- Eligible:** Local Educational and consortia of LEA's
- Information:** <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-12-31/pdf/2012-31434.pdf>

SMALL GRANTS

Mabel Louise Riley Foundation Family Strengthening Small Grants

- Program:** Supports activities and projects in the greater Dudley area that build, strengthen, and support families. Strategies might include: out-of-school activities for youth or intergenerational activities; parenting seminars; life skills workshops (cooking, sewing, etc.); support groups and services for single parents; community support for reintegrating residents from situations such as recovery, incarceration, etc.; or neighborhood cleanups.
- Funds:** \$500 - \$5000. Average grant size: \$1250 - \$2500.
- Deadline:** **January 28, 2013**
- Eligible:** Resident volunteers, volunteer-run neighborhood groups and associations in the Greater Dudley area of Roxbury and Dorchester, MA.
- Information:** <http://www.rileyfoundation.com/sginfo.htm>

Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation

- Program:** Build-A-Bear Workshop® provides grants to support special causes, such as children's health and wellness, animal rescue, literacy and education.
- Funds:** \$1,500 to \$5,000
- Deadline:** **February 2013** (see website for update)
- Eligible:** 501c3 Non-profit organizations

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Information: <http://www.buildabear.com/shopping/contents/content.jsp?catId=400002&id=700010>

BJ's Charitable Foundation

Program: Contributes the bulk of its funding to organizations that provide services (in the form of hunger prevention, self-sufficiency, healthcare and education) to people in need.

Funds: \$5000 maximum to first-time applicants

Deadline: **April 12, 2013, July 12, 2013, October 11, 2013**

Eligible: 501c3 non-profit organizations in existence for more than one year

Information: http://www.bjs.com/bjs-charitable-foundation.content.about_charitable.A.about_community2+

The Awesome Foundation

Program: Awesome projects are not strictly defined, but tend to challenge and expand our understanding of our individual and communal potentials. They bring communities together, casting aside social inhibitions and boundaries for a moment. They spark an instant of joy and delight and inspire a long-term hope for a more awesome future. It is, in the words of one of our trustees, a micro-genius grant for flashes of micro-brilliance.

Funds: Monthly awards of \$1000

Deadline: **Ongoing**

Eligible: There are no prerequisites to apply (beyond, of course, being awesome).

Information: <http://www.awesomefoundation.org/en/fag>

COMMUNITY ORGANIZING

Needmor Foundation

Program: The Foundation has identified community organizing as the most effective way to: remove systemic barriers to the practice of democracy by encouraging the efforts of people who are working together for justice and the common good; encourage involvement in community affairs by people whose participation in democratic society has been systematically denied; and foster the active participation of all citizens in crafting a vision, values, and policies that are more equitable. The grantmaking policy is to provide core operating support for up to four years, after which time organizations may not re-apply for at least two years.

Funds: \$25,000 - \$40,000. Average grant: \$30,000

Deadline: **May 31, 2013**

Eligible: Non-profit community organizing groups. A Pre-Application Inquiry Form must be submitted by all applicants that are not current grantees.

Information: <http://www.needmorfund.org/procedures.htm>

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FIRE SAFETY

Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency – Fire Prevention and Safety

- Program:** FP&S Grants are offered to support projects in two activities:
- Activities designed to reach high-risk target groups and mitigate the incidence of death and injuries caused by fire and fire-related hazards, and
 - Projects aimed at improving firefighter safety, health and wellness through research and development that reduces firefighter fatalities and injuries .
- Funds:** \$1,750,000 maximum. 20% match is required.
- Deadline:** January 18, 2013
- Eligible:** Fire departments, governments, public and private colleges and universities and 501(c)(3) nonprofits
- Information:** <http://www.fema.gov/fire-prevention-safety-grants>

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| Esther Larsen | Tips for Successful Grant Projects | http://www.nationaldec.org/ |
| Associated Grant Makers | Grant Makers Directory | http://agmconnect.org/gmd/ |
| GMA Foundations | Grant making Foundations | http://www.gmafoundations.com/?page_id=5 |

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